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The Honorable Mary Gade, Director
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
2200 Churchill Road
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Madam Director:

I have recently learned that your people have blocked off the southerly flow of water in "Dead Creek" at its intersection with Judith Lane in Cahokia, St. Clair County, Illinois.

As a result, due to the recent very heavy rains in the western part of St. Clair County, the water in Dead Creek is backing up and covering Queeny Avenue in the Village of Sauget.

This has caused serious problems for motorists who habitually use Queeny to get to Illinois Route 3. Only this morning, a father with his small child got stranded in the high water on Queeny and had to wade the water to get to a telephone.

Historically, Dead Creek has been a natural waterway which had its head waters some distance north of Sauget and which flowed through Sauget and Cahokia and emptied into the large canal. With the consent of the upstream owners of Dead Creek, the Village of Sauget has blocked it off at Queeny.

Hence the water covering Queeny is black flow from your blockage at Judith Lane.

I challenge your legal authority to block off the southerly drainage of this natural water course, causing problems for upstream owners.

While there has been much newspaper publicity about pollutants in Dead Creek between Queeny and Judith Lane, I am advised that tests of the water at Judith (upstream from the IEPA block) are inconclusive at best.

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The State does not own Dead Creek and is not at liberty legally or equitable to change its natural flow.

Respectfully yours,



PAUL SAUGET
Mayor

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cc: Mayor Mike King,
Village of Cahokia.

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